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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP

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1. YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN YOUR NEXT CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS TO DISPEL HIS MIS-IMPRESSIONS REGARDING THE SECRETARY'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP.

2. CUBA: THE PURPOSE OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP WAS TO UNDER-LINE THEIMPORTANCE THAT THE USG ATTACHES TO RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND TO DISCUSS WITH CHIEFS OF STATE, FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND OTHER LEADERS PENDING ISSUES AND FUTURE COOPERATION. IT WAS NOT TO ORGANIZE A MOVEMENT TO ISOLATE CUBA. THE SECRETARY, IN FACT, DID NOT RAISE THE SUBJECT OF CUBA AT ANY OF HIS STOPS, BUT IT DID COME UP
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IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER IN ALL OF THEM. IT BECAME APPARENT

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BOTH IN HIS PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS AND FROMTHE PRESS INQUIRIES THAT THE CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA WAS AN ISSUE OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE LEADERS AND THE PRESS OF THE COUNTRIES VISITED. WHEN HE WAS ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING CUBA IN HIS MANY PRESS CONFERENCES, THE SECRETARY MAINTAINED: QUOTE: WE ARE STATING, HOWEVER, THE VIEW OF OUR ADMINISTRATION THAT THIS (INTERVENTION) IS AN UNACCEPTABLE MODE OF BEHAVIOR, AND WE STATE THIS VIEW IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS. UNQUOTE.

3. BRAZIL CONSULTATIVE AGREEMENT: REFTEL (B) PROVIDES GUIDANCE RESPONDING TO WILLS' ASSESSMENT OF U.S.-BRAZIL CONSULTATION AGREEMENT. NOTE IN PARTICULAR THAT BRAZIL AGREEMENT HAS NO EFFECT ON OUR TIES WITH OTHER NATIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE. ITS PURPOSE IS NOT TO USE BRAZIL TO MANAGE OTHER LATIN AMERICA ISSUES OR PROBLEMS. RATHER, IT RECOGNIZES BRAZIL'S EMERGING STATUS AS A WORLD POWER, THE MANY BILATERAL ISSUES THAT FLOW THEREFROM, AND THE NEED FOR REGULAR, INSTITUTIONALIZED CONSULTATION ON THESE MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN. KISSINGER

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